

MARVEL

THE EPIC CONCLUSION!

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VENOMIZED



WHETHER WE
LIVE OR DIE...
**THIS ENDS
NOW!**

VENOMIZED

THE POISONS--AN INTERDIMENSIONAL SPECIES HELL-BENT ON CONQUEST THAT CAN CONSUME KLYNTAR SYMBIOTES AND THEIR HOSTS--HAVE LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON THE MARVEL UNIVERSE.

FROM THEIR SHIP HIGH IN EARTH'S ORBIT, THE POISONS COORDINATED ATTACKS ACROSS THE GLOBE, FORCIBLY BONDING HEROES TO ALIEN SYMBIOTES AND CONSUMING THEM.

THE HEROES OF NEW YORK CITY WERE CAUGHT AT THE EPICENTER OF THE ATTACK AND A NUMBER OF THE CITY'S HEROES WERE BONDED TO SYMBIOTES. SOME--LIKE RAGE, D-MAN AND JEAN GREY--WERE UNABLE TO RID THEMSELVES OF THEIR SYMBIOTES BEFORE BEING MADE LOYAL TO THE HIVE.

A SMALL CONTINGENT OF HEROES, LED BY CAPTAIN AMERICA AND VENOM, BOARDED TWO TRANSPORTS AND SET A COURSE FOR THE POISON VESSEL, HOPING TO MOUNT A COUNTERATTACK AND FACE THE POISONS HEAD-ON.

BUT POISON THANOS, COMMANDER OF THE POISON'S FORCES, RIPPED THROUGH CAP'S SHIP, GROUNDING IT AND EVERYBODY ABOARD. WITH LITTLE CHOICE, VENOM AND HIS CONTINGENT MAINTAINED COURSE, HEADING INTO THE BELLY OF THE BEAST...

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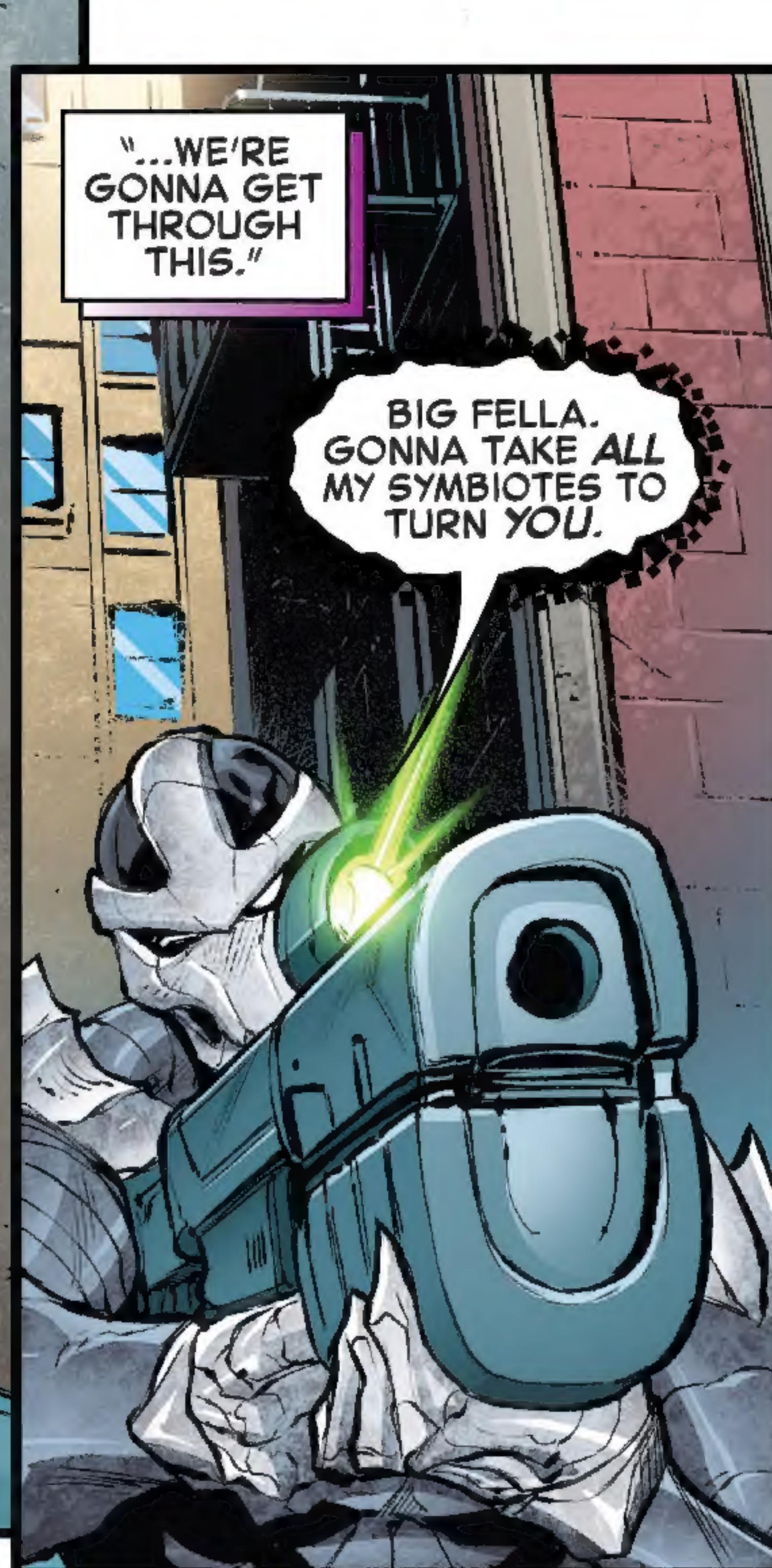
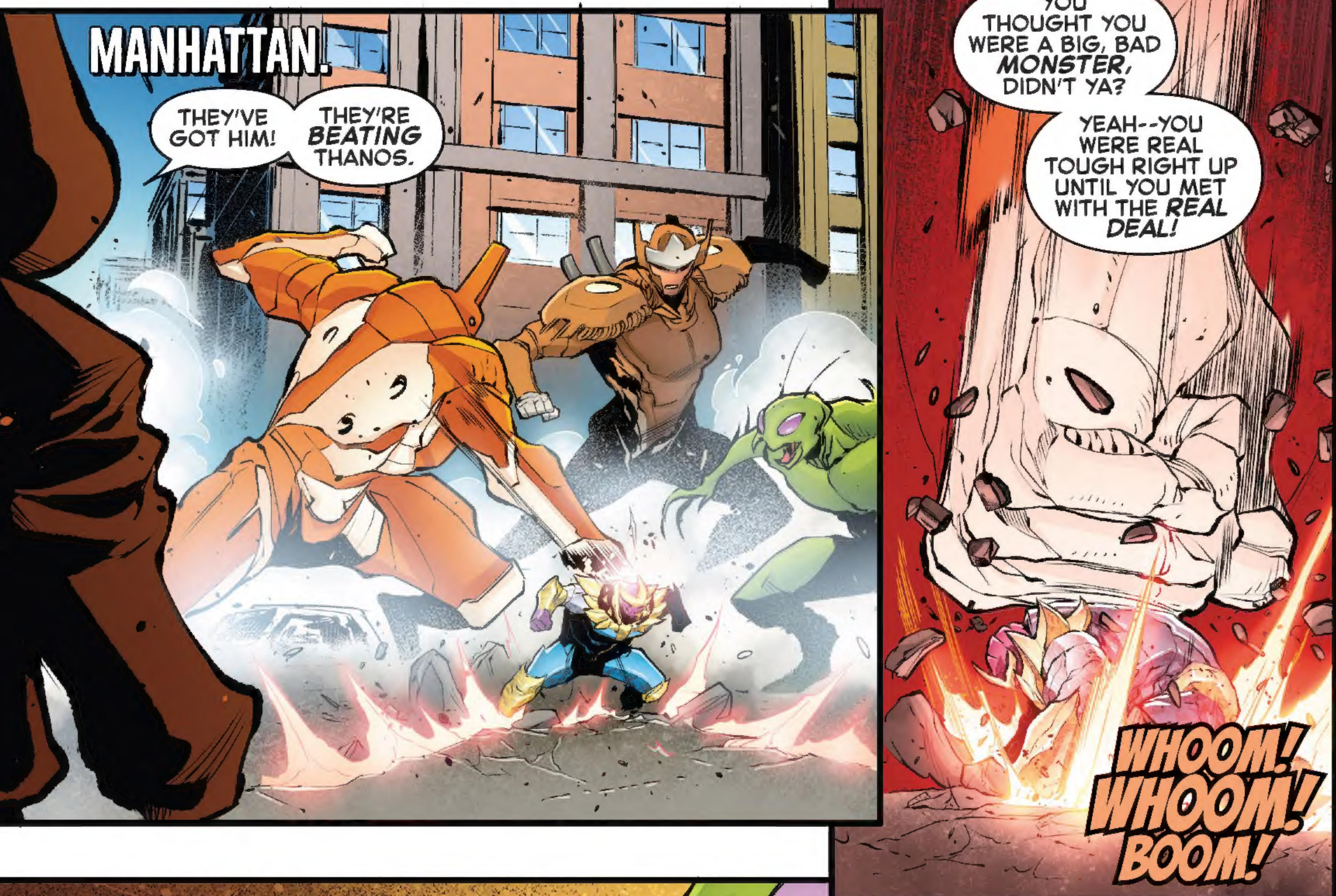
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THE MIGHTY SCRAGG FEELS--
POWERFUL!

OH...
OH, NO.

SCRAGG...
YOU GOTTA
GET OUT OF
HERE!
SCRAGG--

--RUN!

THE MIGHTY
SCRAGG OFFERS
A THUNDEROUS
WELCOME TO HIS
SYMBIOTIC
FRIEND!

THE MIGHTY
SCRAGG--

SKREEAA AARRRK!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG IS MADE WHOLE!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG BRINGS TIDINGS OF RUINATION AND DESTRUCTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THE HIVE!

THOUGH THE MIGHTY SCRAGG DOES NOT KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD!

SCRAGG-- YOU...

...YOU CAN'T BE...

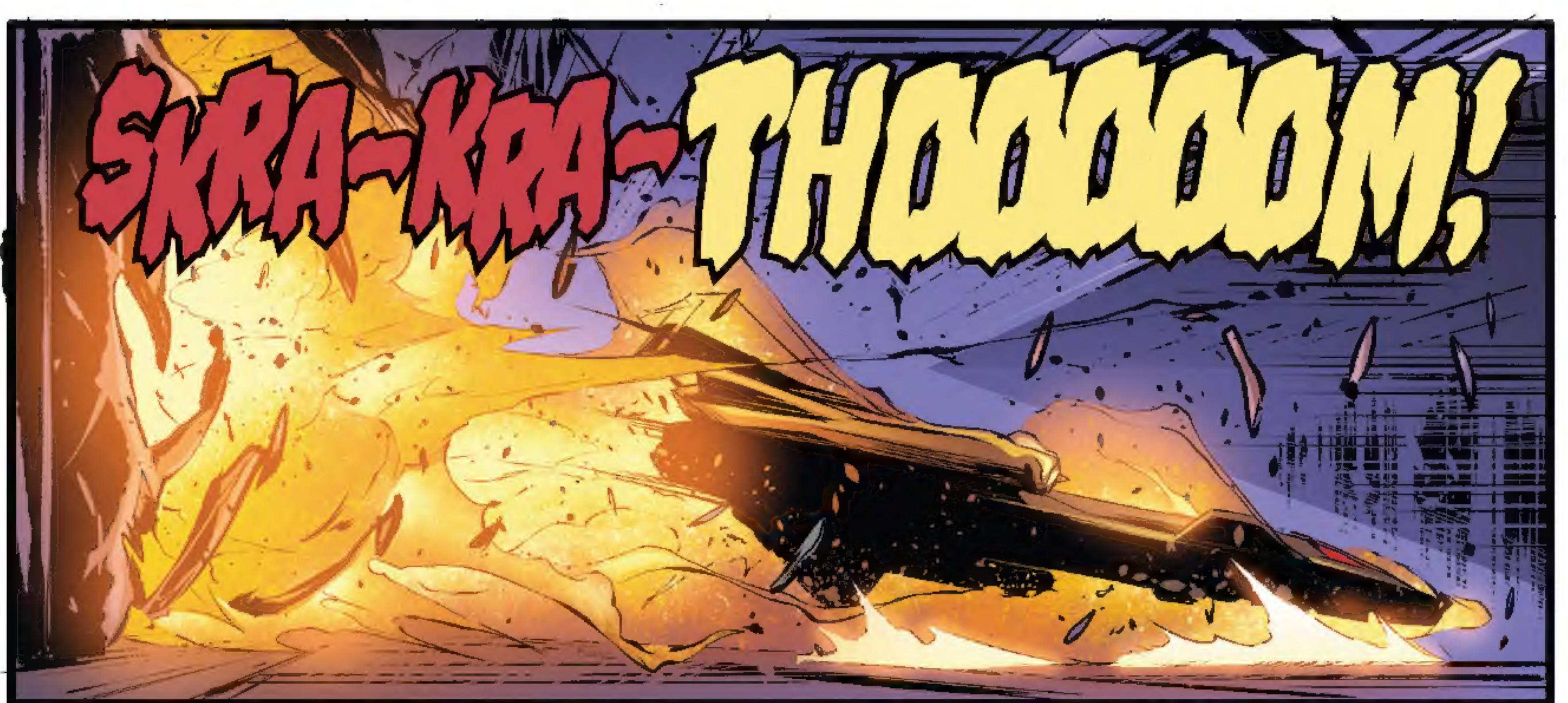
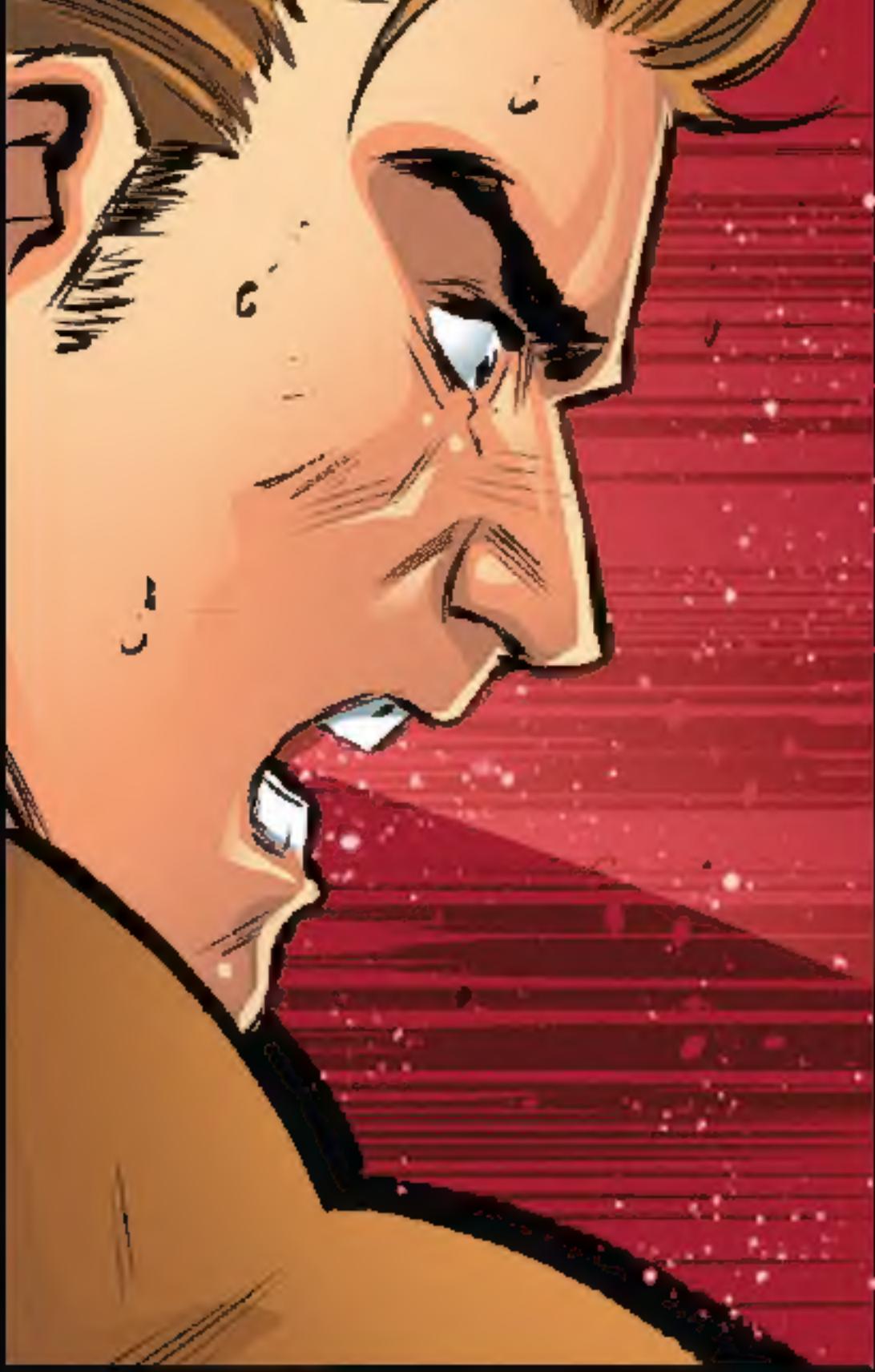
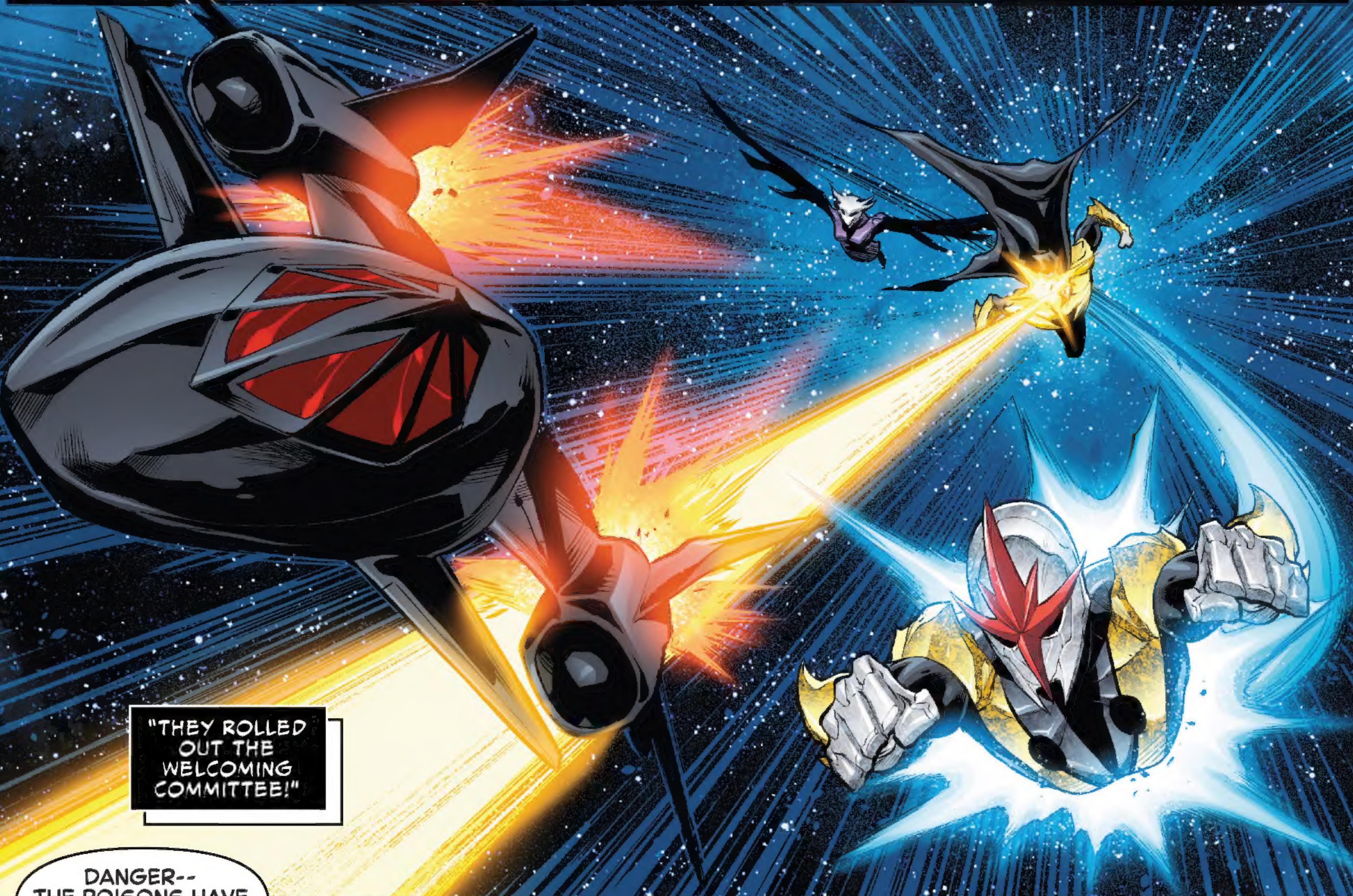
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WHAT JUST HAPPENED/
OCCURRED/
TRANSPRIRED?

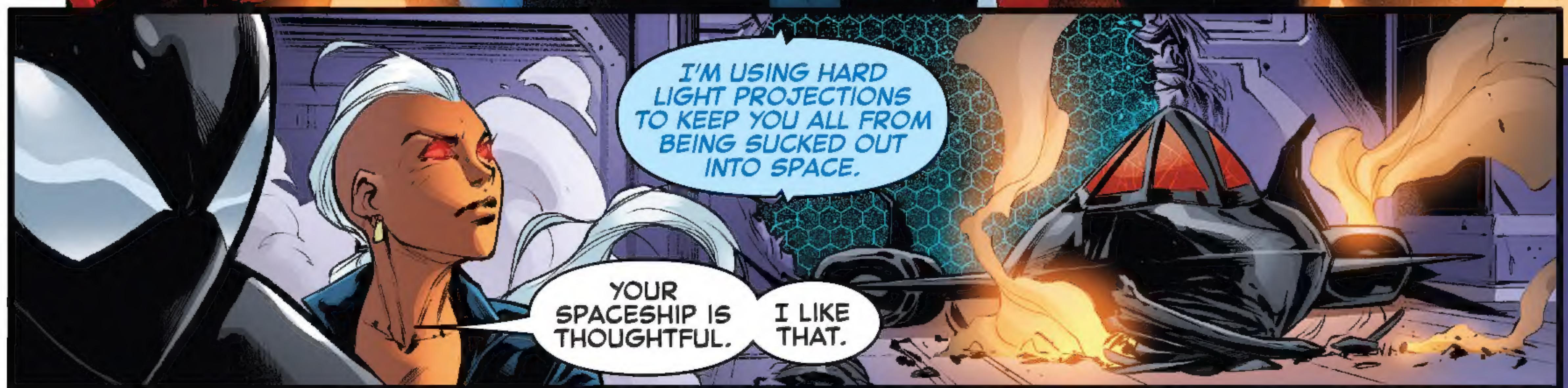
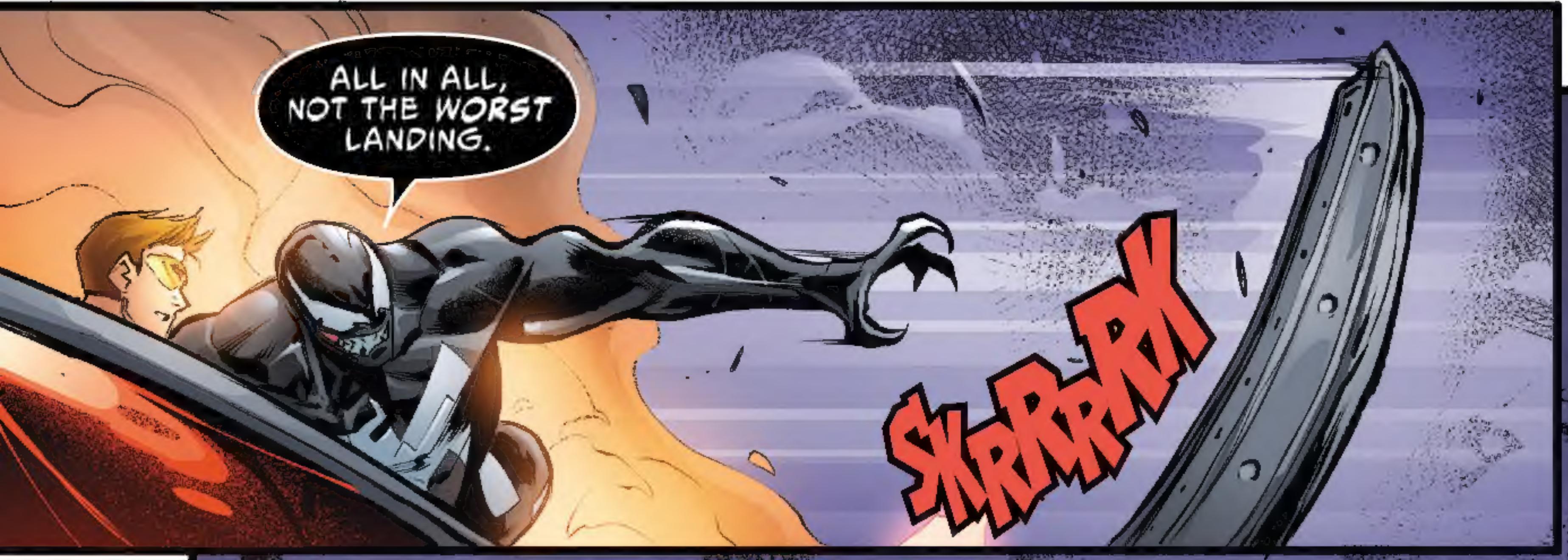
IS SCRAGG--

DON'T WORRY,
MEKARA! I...
I CAN FIX
THIS!
SCRAGG--
JUST HANG
ON!

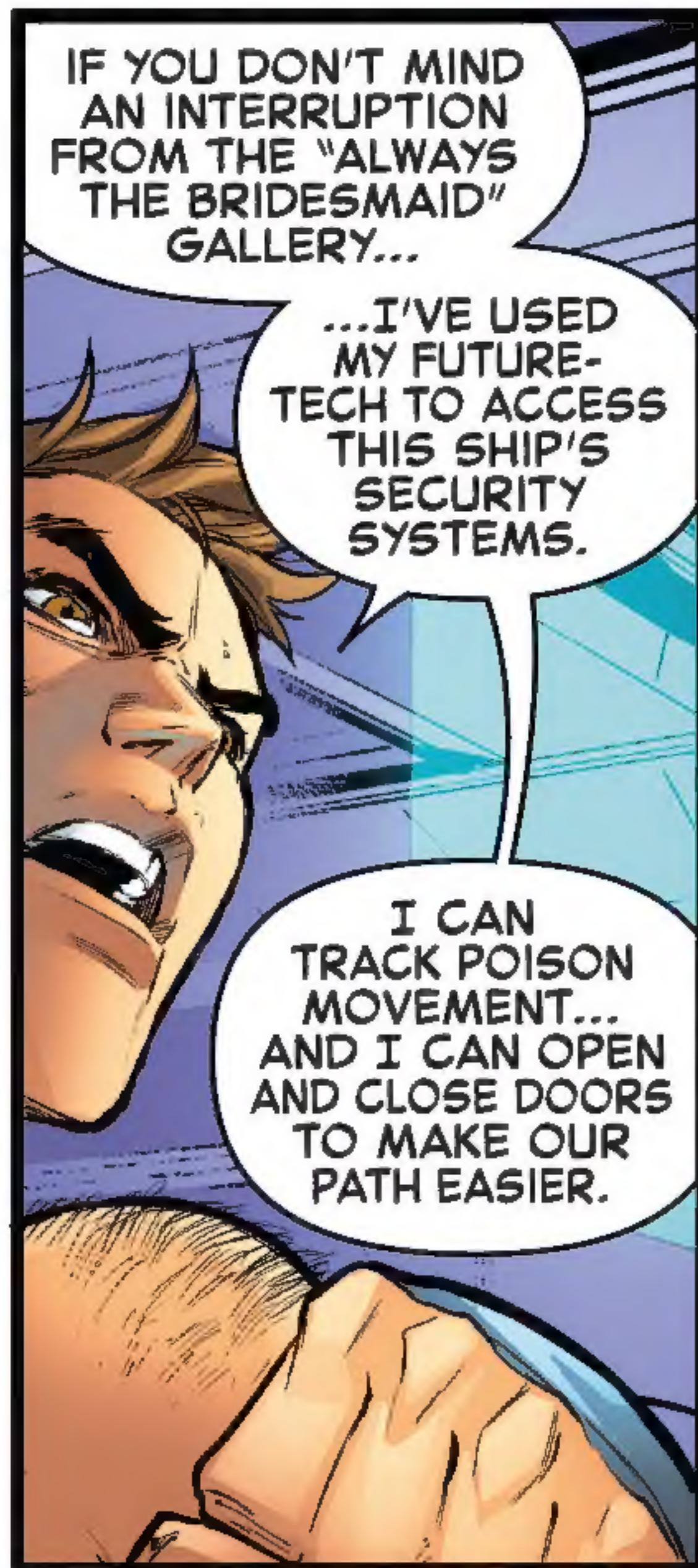
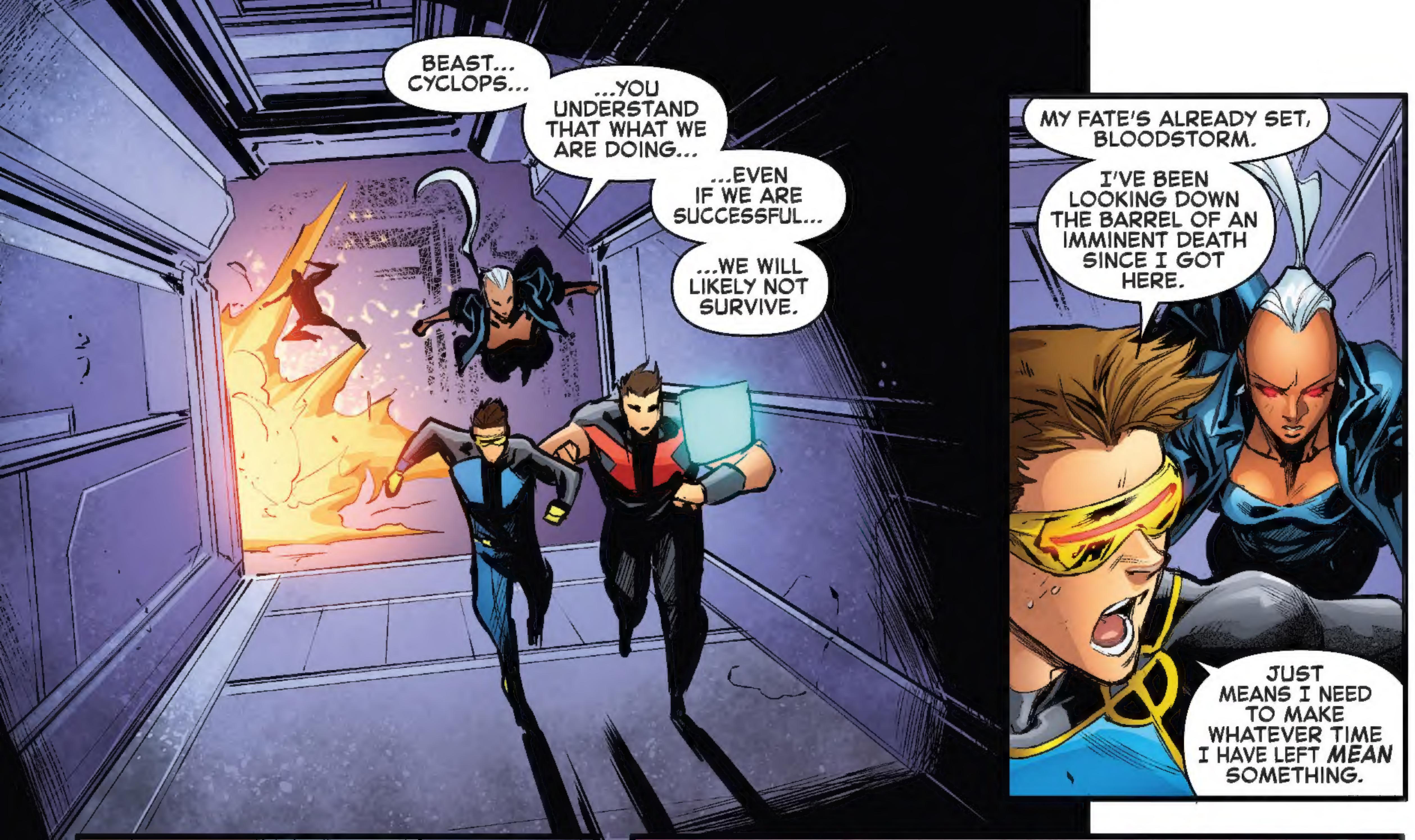
AW,
KID.
IT'S NO
USE.
THAT
MONSTER OF
YOURS...IT'S
GONE.

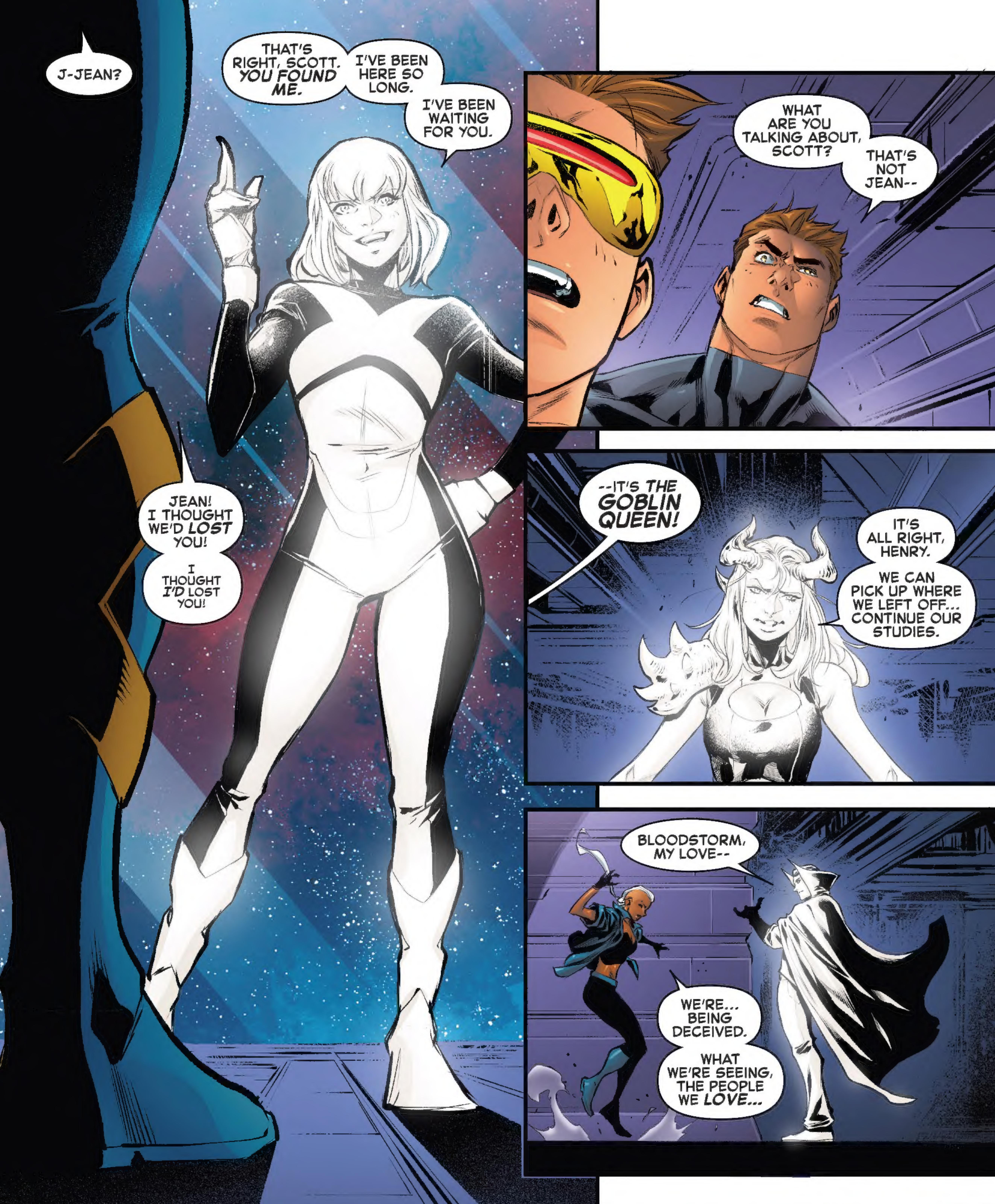
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HOLD ON!"

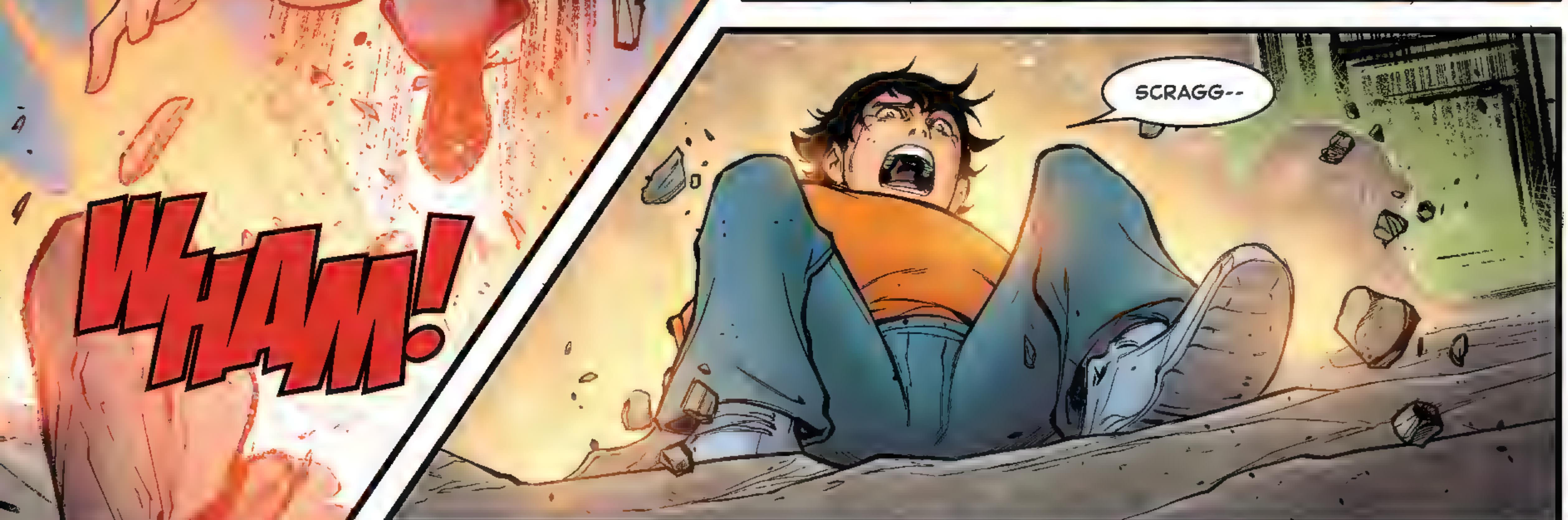












THE
MIGHTY
SCRAGG--
HURTS!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO HIM?

HE'S
SUFFERING!
WHAT
DID YOU DO
TO HIM?

KID, I'M
SORRY! YOUR
MONSTER GOT
TURNED IN THE MIDDLE
OF MANHATTAN--
THERE WAS NOTHING
ELSE I COULD
DO!

KEI
KAWADE...

...THE AWFUL
SCRAGG...
...LOVES
YOU...



THIS
HAS BEEN A
LONG TIME
COMING!

VENOM AND
SPIDER-MAN
TOGETHER
AGAIN!

AND STILL
OUTCLASSED!

THE HIVE
THINKS THEY
MADE ME INTO
AN OBEDIENT
HOUND!

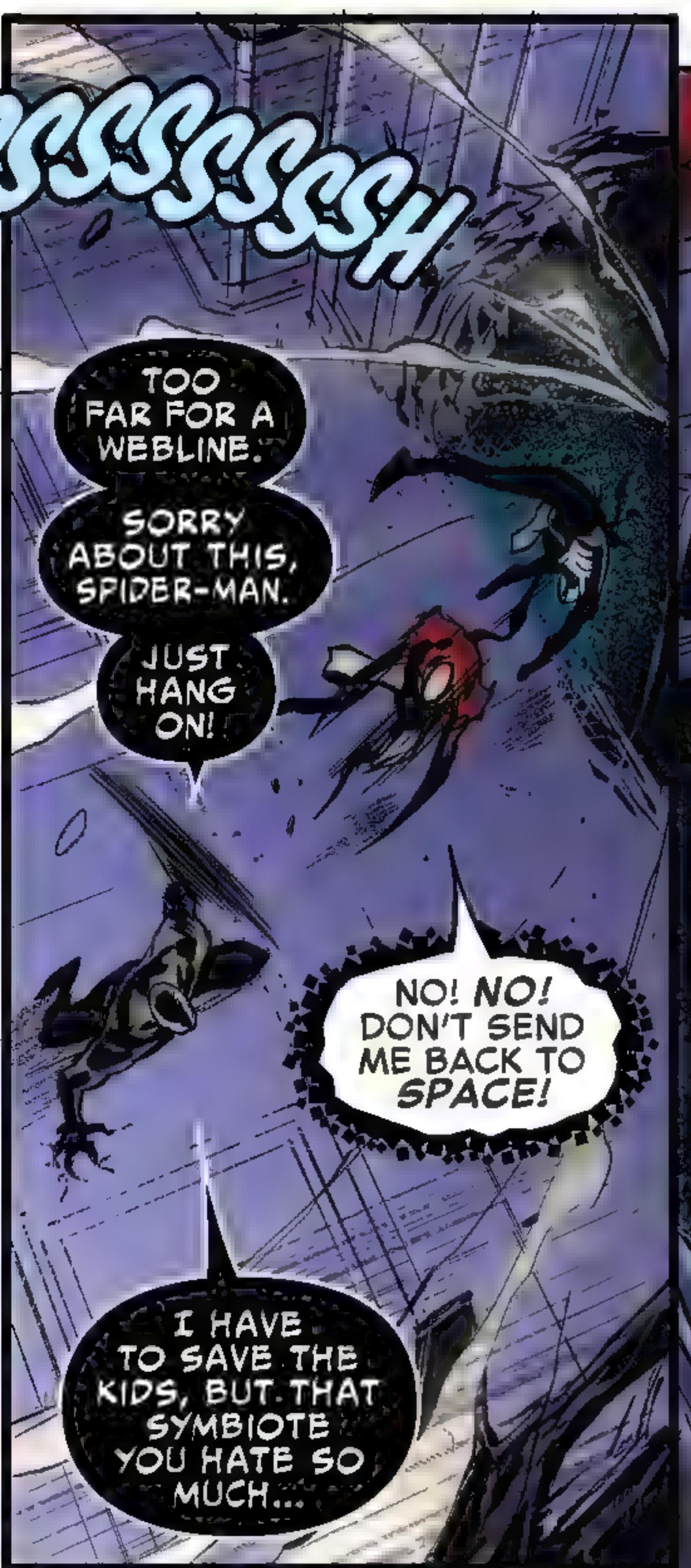
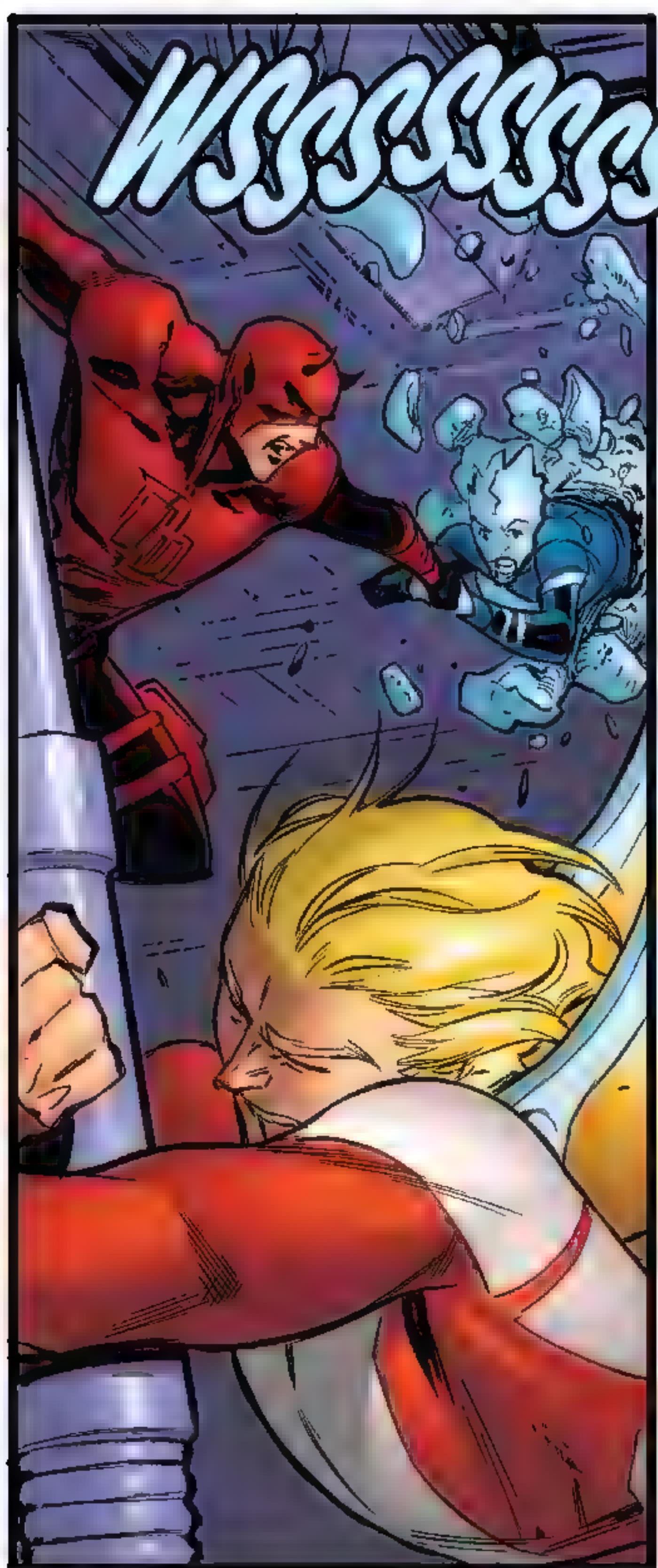
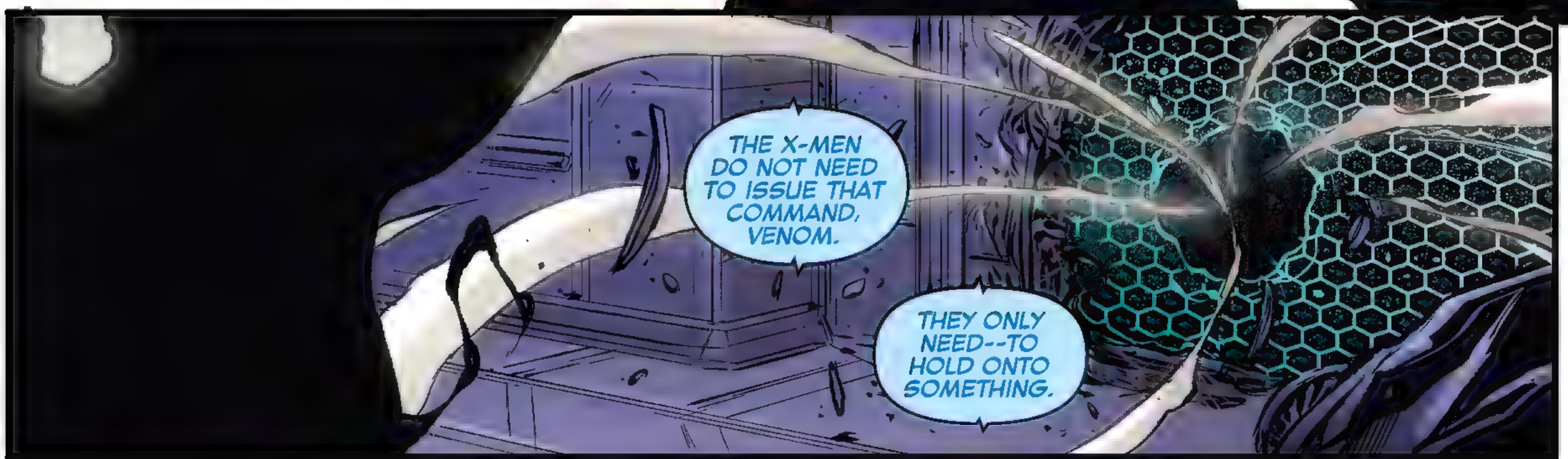
BUT
I AIN'T
NOBODY'S
DOG!

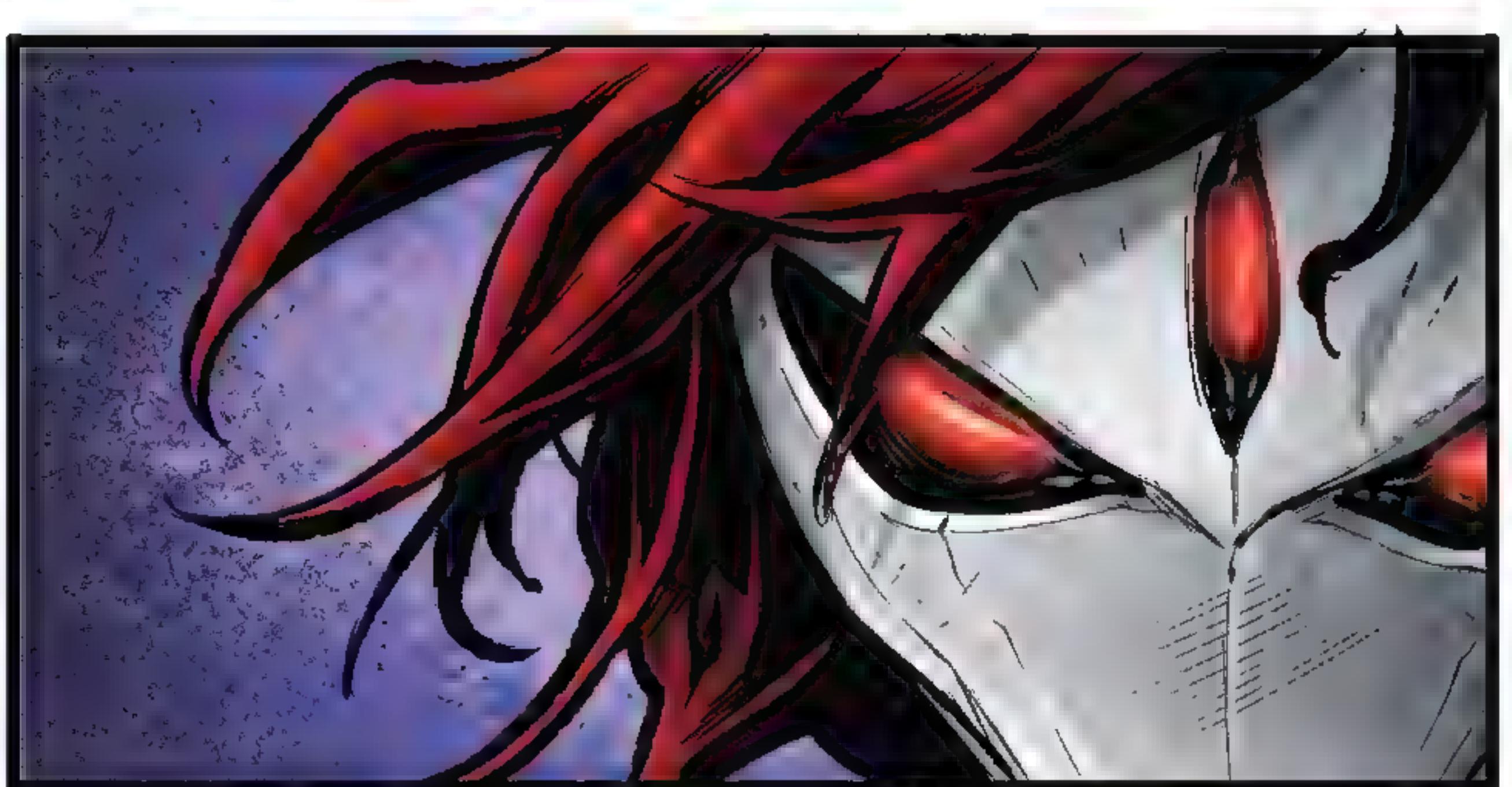
I ONLY
CARE ABOUT
KILLING
---STARTING
WITH YOU.

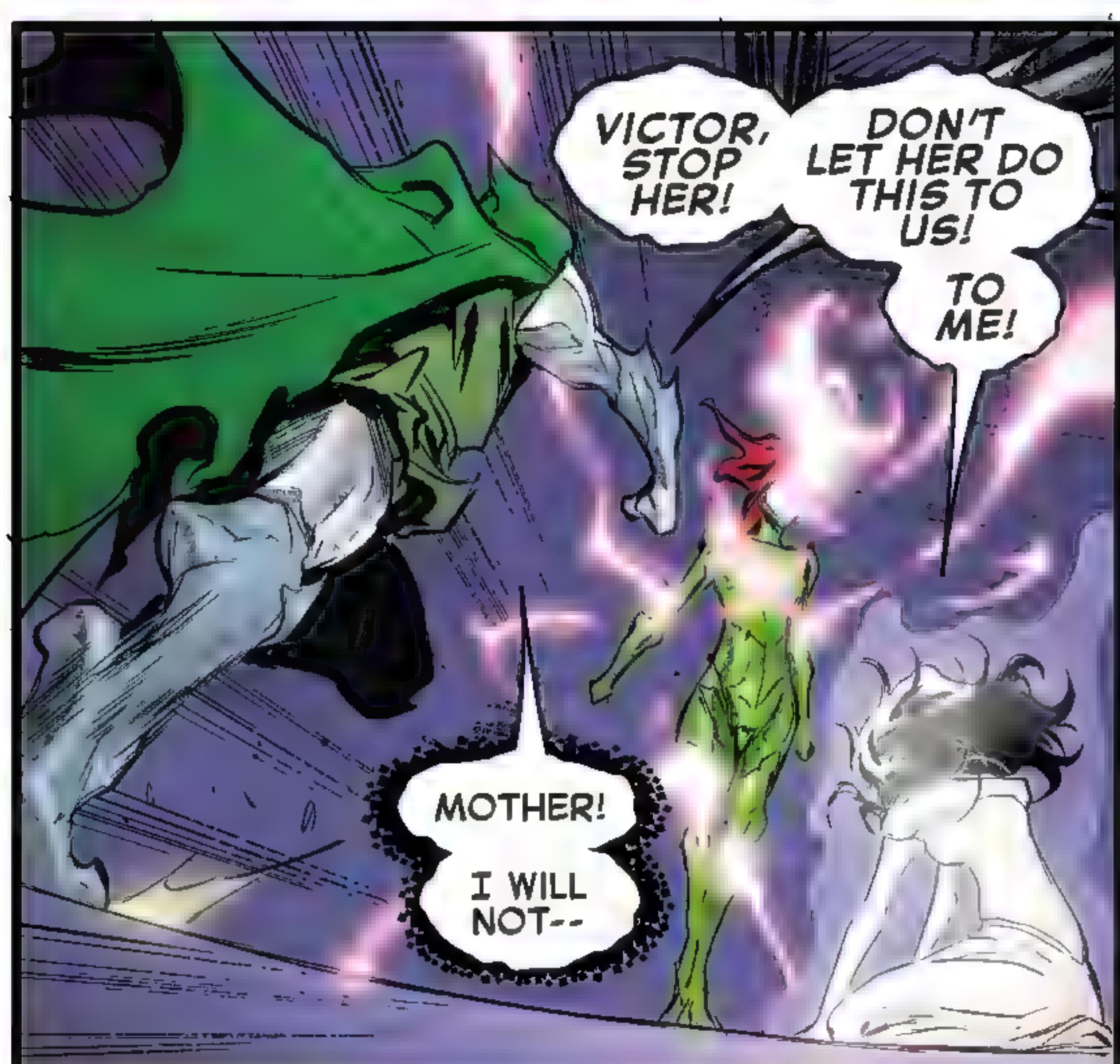
VENOM!
HOLD
ON!

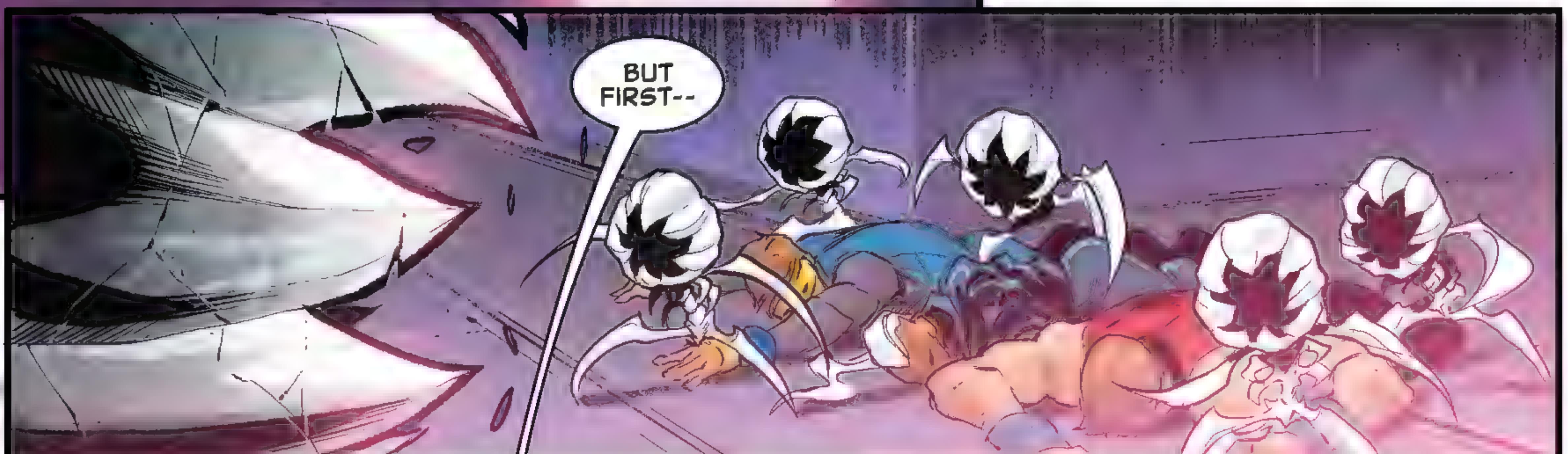
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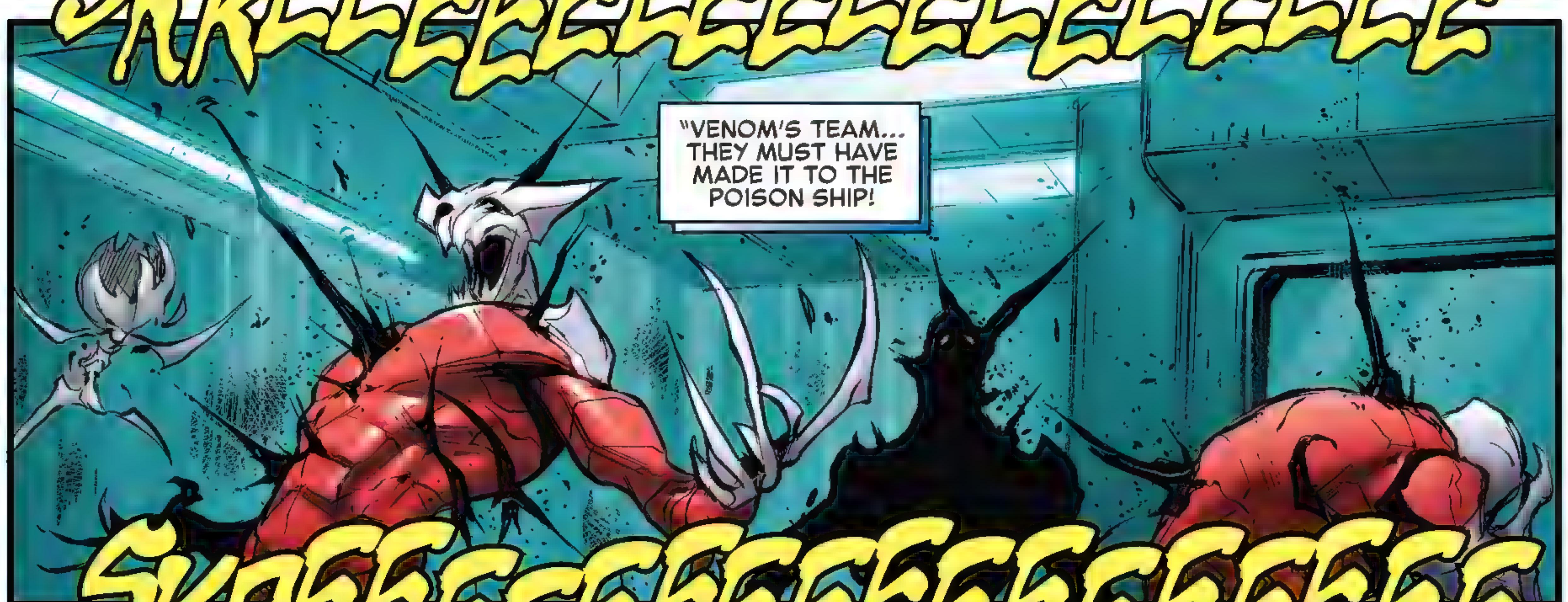
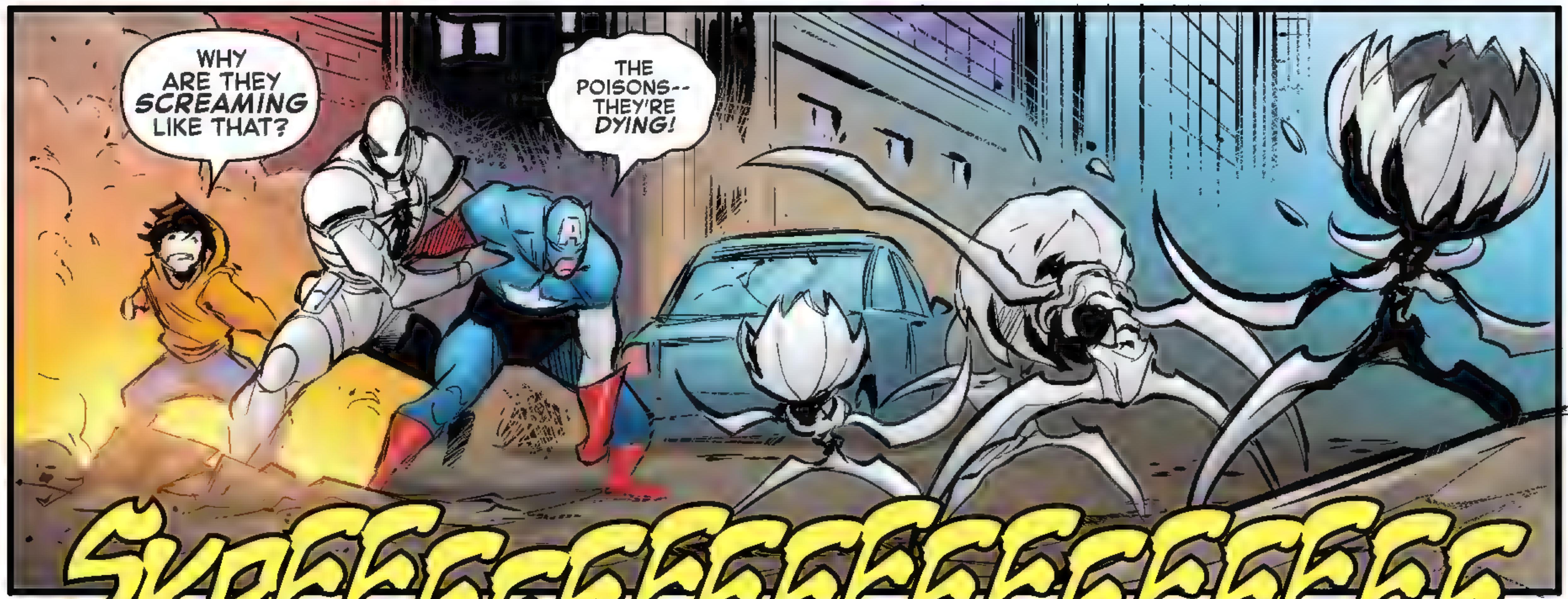
OH, NO.
SPIDER-
MAN!

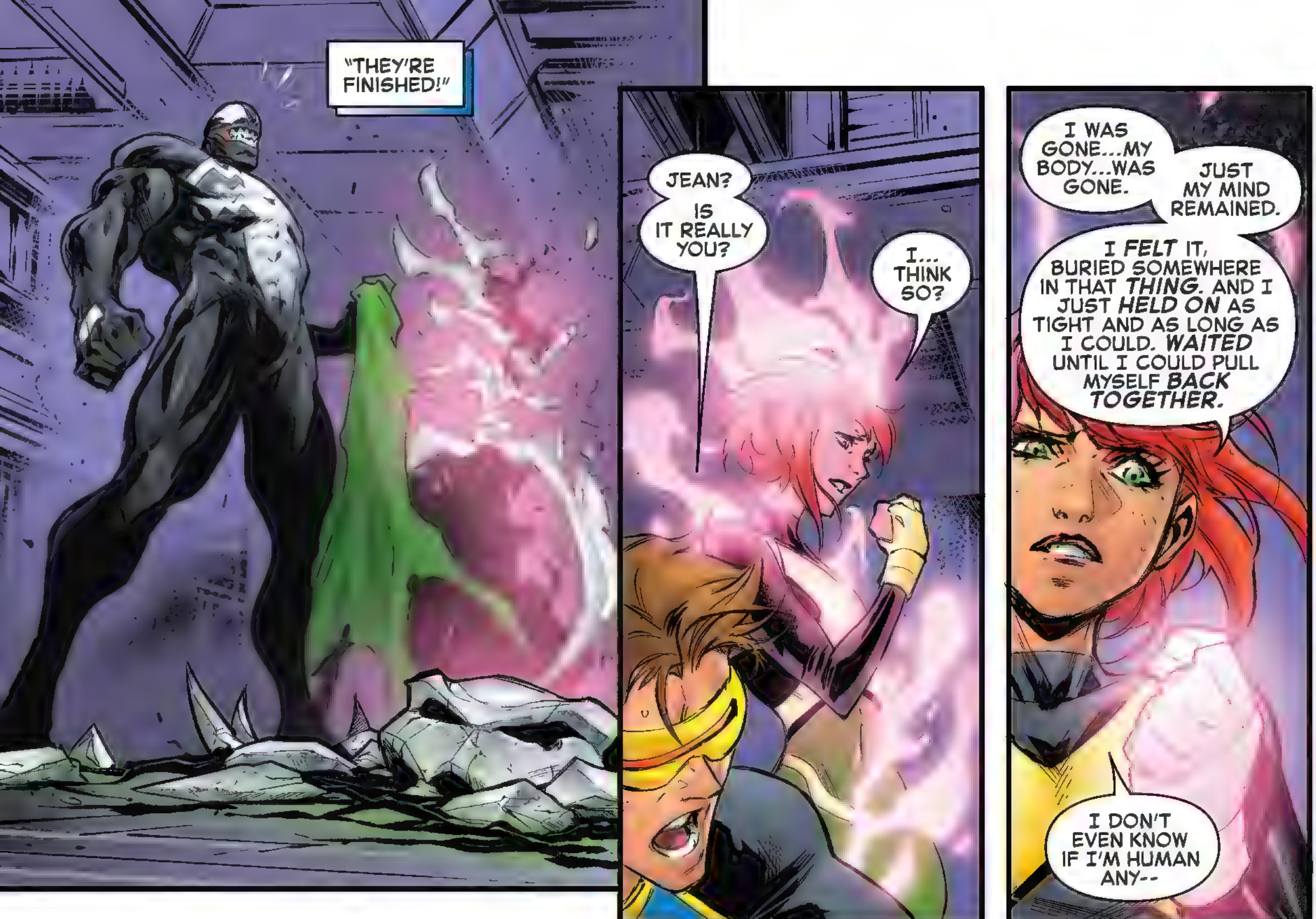


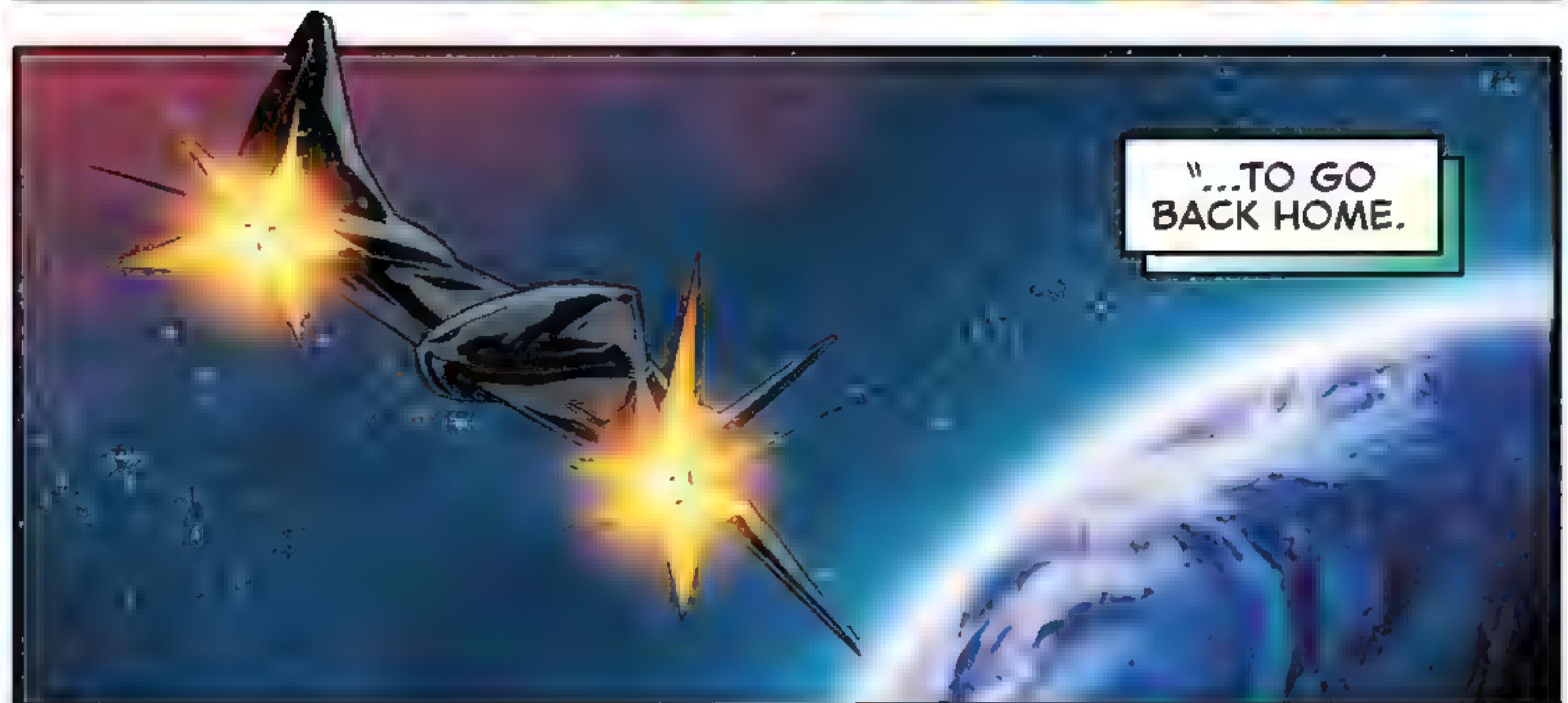
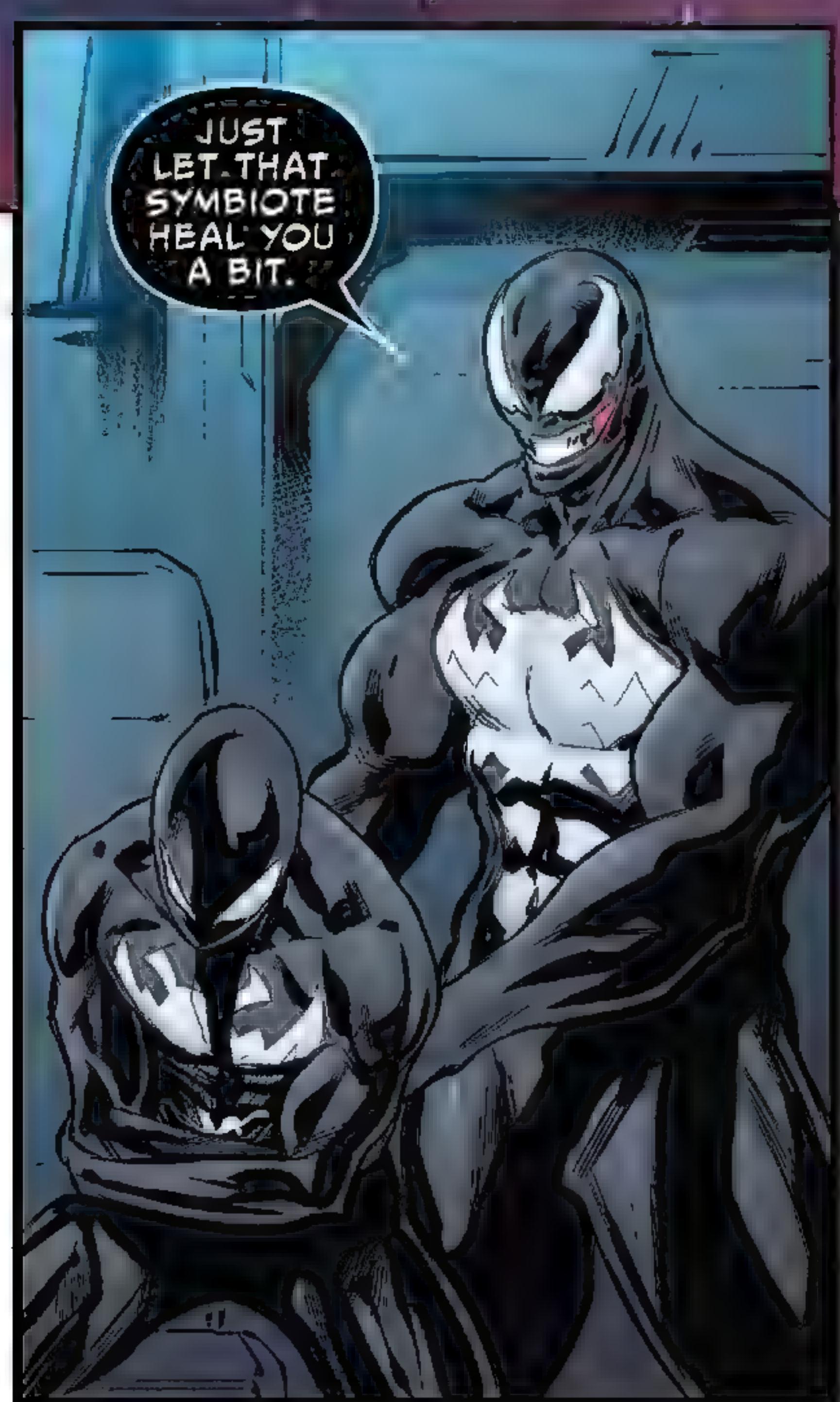


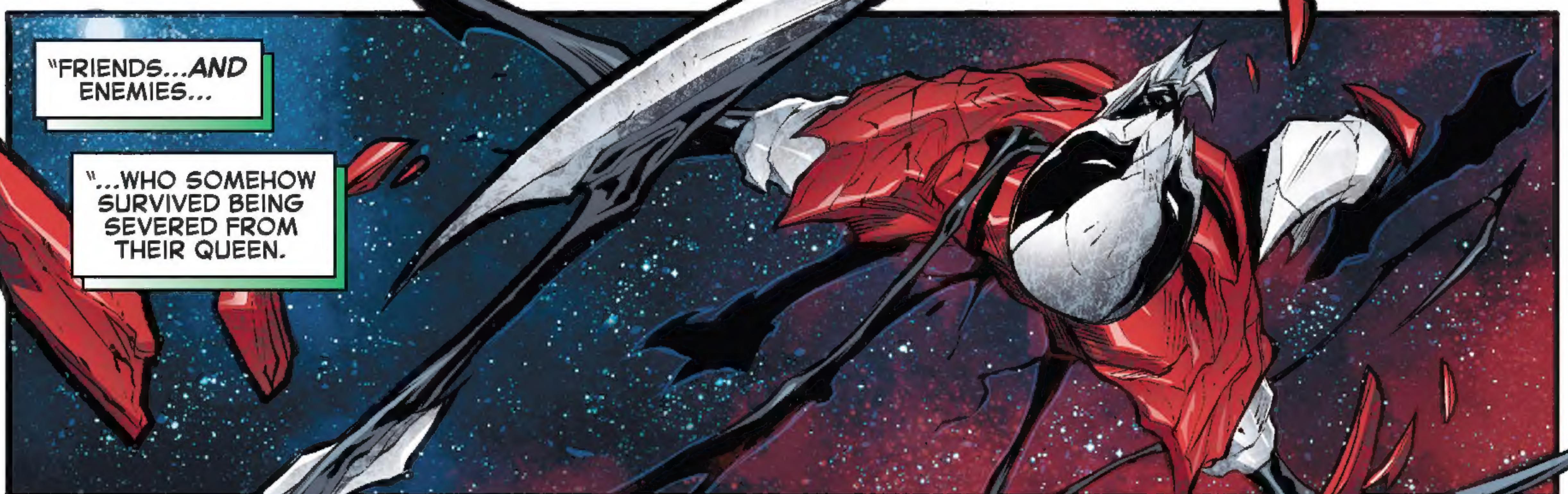
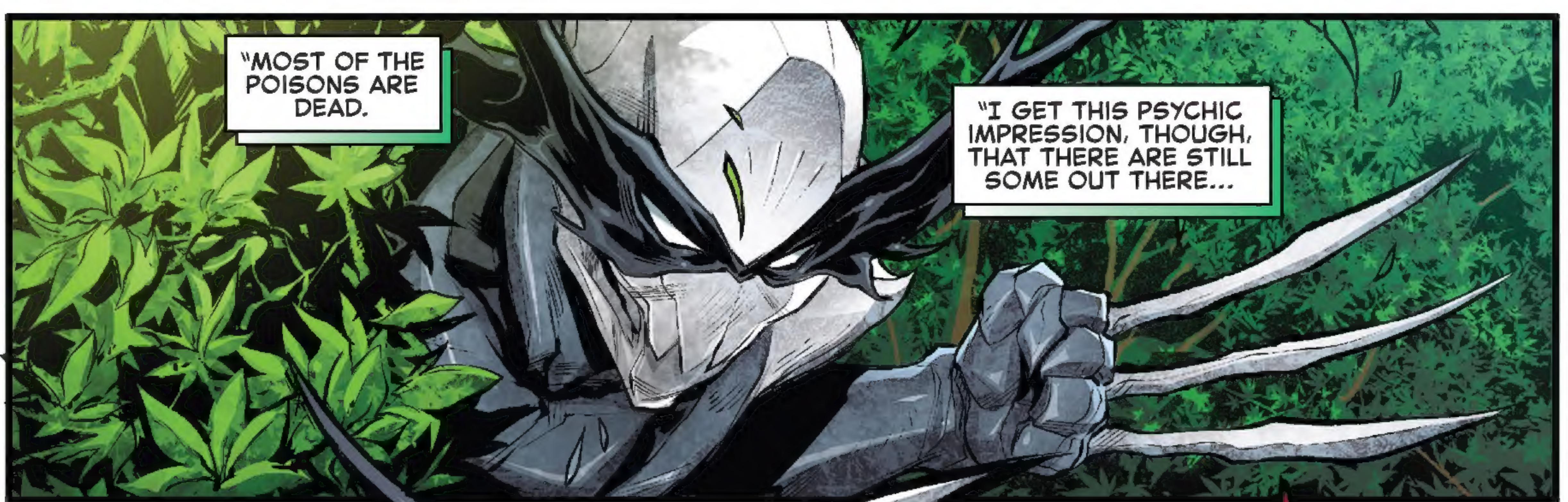
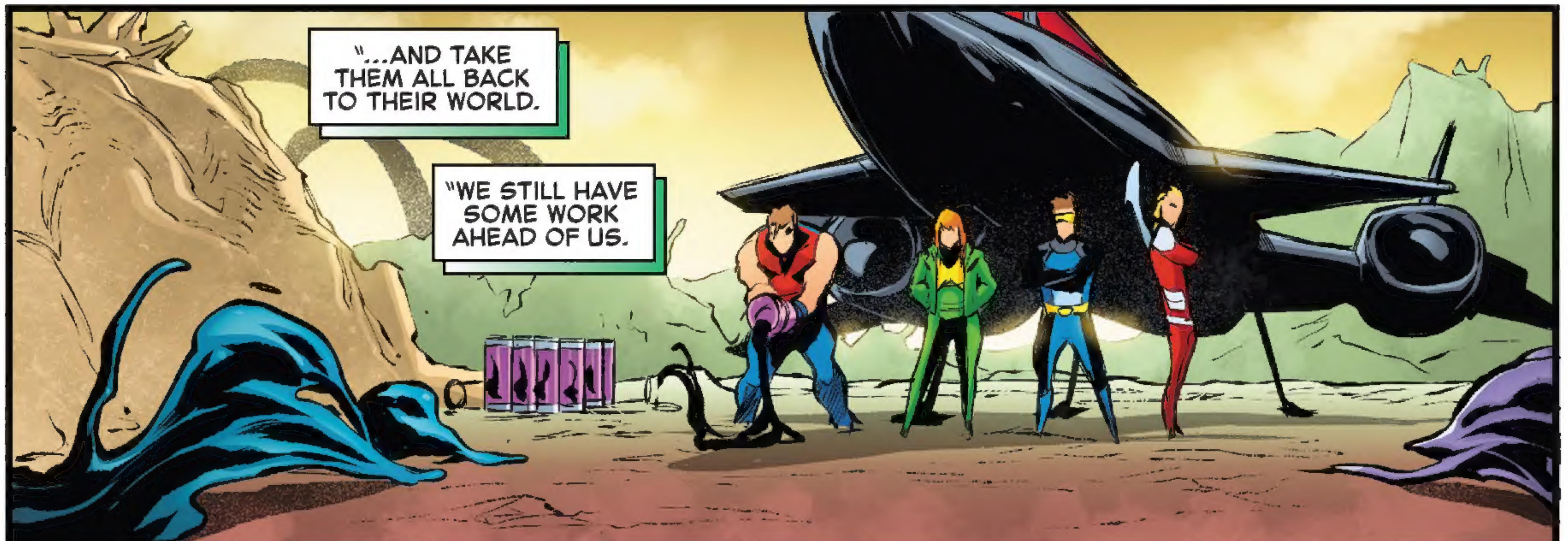
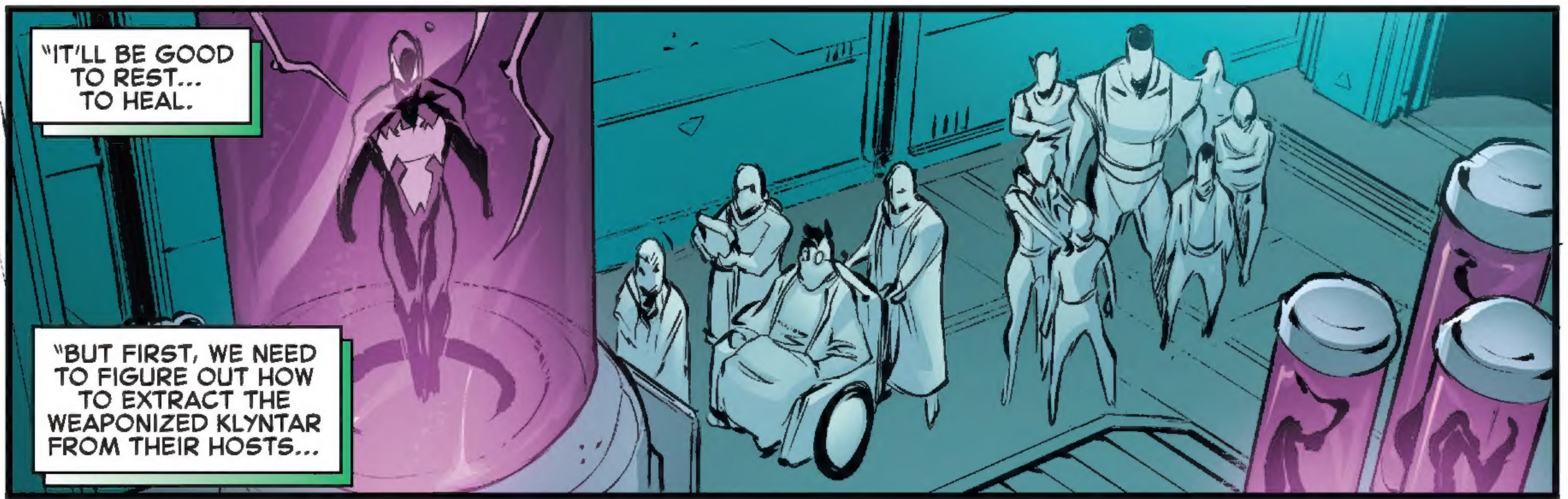




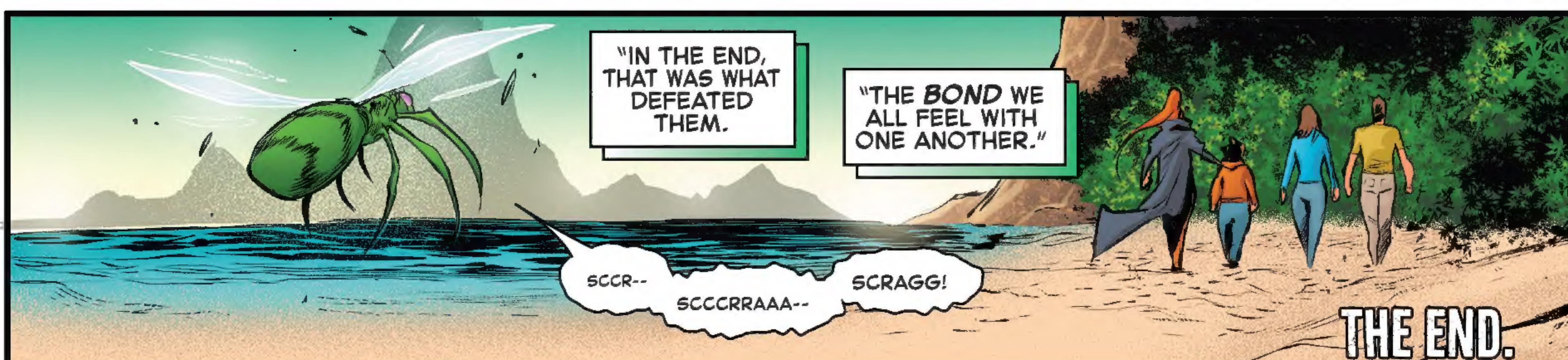
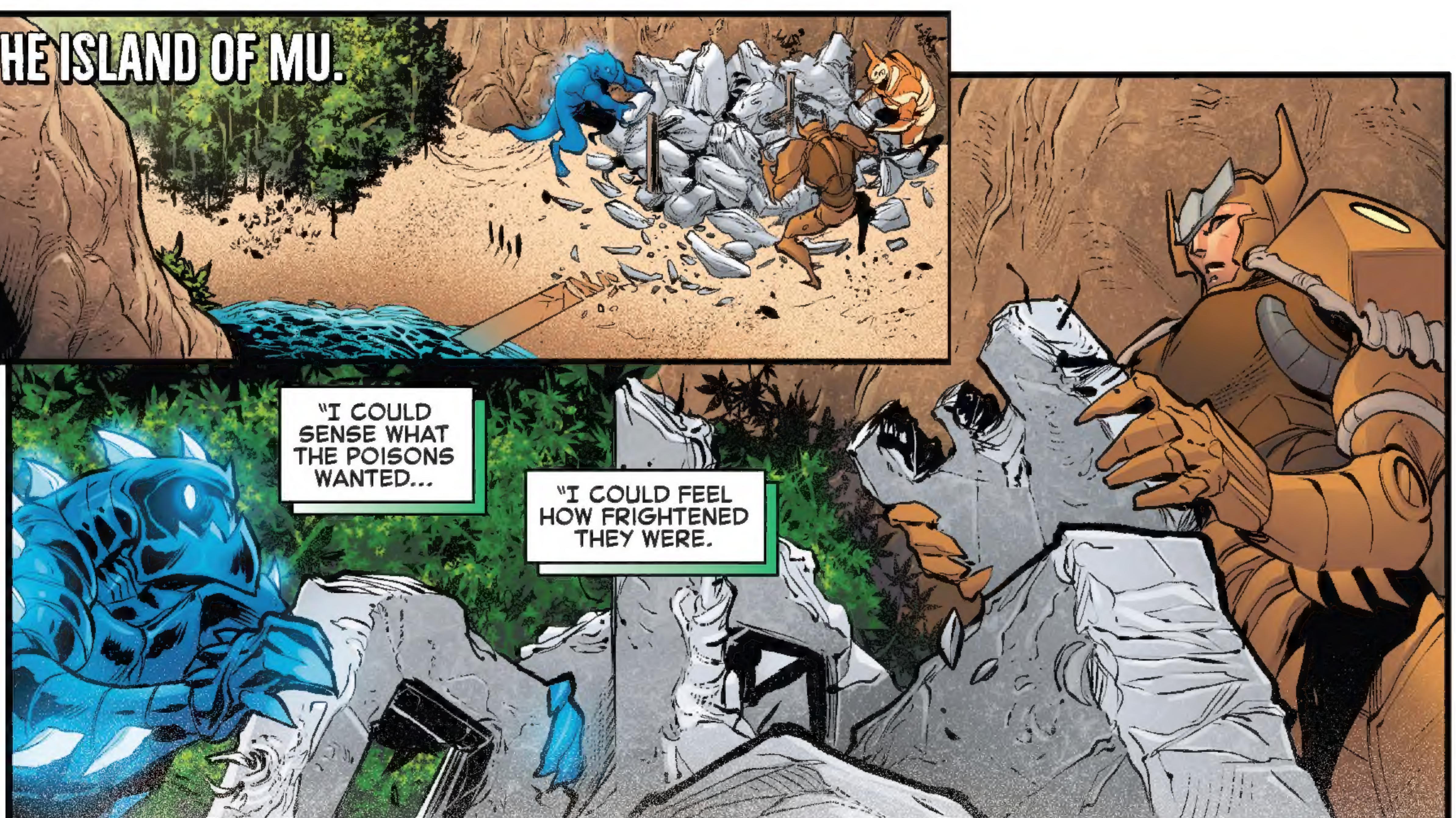








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THE END... FOR NOW!

Hello, readers! Venomaniac In Chief Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York!

And after five issues, VENOMIZED comes to a close, and with it the epic Poison saga that Cullen Bunn and Iban Coello kicked off nearly a year ago in VENOMVERSE!

It's been an absolute privilege to shepherd this story over these past several months, and it's been equally terrific watching the response that Cullen, Iban, and Matt's hard work has been met with by you fans out there in Mighty Marveldom! Now, VENOMIZED #1 only went on-sale a few hours ago, so you'll have to wait for a future VENOMous letter column to read the notes we'll receive about it.

BUT! The crossover story that served as a prequel to VENOMIZED, "Poison-X" that took place in VENOM and X-MEN: BLUE, has been on-sale for just about a month now, and we're STILL getting letters singing its praises! Let's take a read!

Hey guys,

Jaremy here again. Just sat down and finished my pulls this week, light load actually, started with AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: RENEW YOUR VOWS #16, I love the spider-family so much, MJ and Peter just fit so well together and Annie is that puzzle piece that brings the whole picture together. I am so greatful for this title that I could probably fill your whole letters page with it. But I'll save us all some time and just give a big THANK YOU to everyone who pushed for Renew Your Vows, as a long time reader it means the world to me.

Now, onto the second book of the evening, X-Men Blue #21, while I can't honestly say that I'm a big fan of the time displaced x-men, I will say that the Poison X crossover has me chomping at the bit for more. The symbiote designs for the 05 are top teir, giving Jean a third eye makes her look the 10/10 winner. Looking forward to seeing how this all plays out and into the upcoming VENOMIZED series.

Jaremy "the Jerm" B.

Thanks for reading, and for writing, Jaremy, and we're hoping you enjoyed VENOMIZED! This issue's Jean Grey turn was planned from the very earliest planning stages of Poison-X and VENOMIZED, so we hope you dug it!

But "Poison-X" readers aren't the only folks who sent along letters for this letter column. Writer Cullen Bunn, had a few

thoughts he wanted to share with you readers who've stuck around for every issue of the extraterrestrial epic!

So, here we are, at the end of a story that started way back in VENOMVERSE and slithered its way through MONSTERS UNLEASHED, X-MEN BLUE, and VENOM! We didn't set out to tell an epic tale of alien invasion from the beginning. When I sat with the Marvel editors brainstorming the first tale of the Poisons, I had this idea of wrapping it all up with a glimpse of the scariest Poisoned villain of all--Thanos! Now, after more than a dozen issues, I feel like I've bonded with a symbiote... and I can't get the damn thing off! I've written a lot of Venom stories over the years, but it feels like this is the end (unless my plans for Mania finally come to fruition). I've really enjoyed telling these tales of intelligent alien slime, and this swan song romp has been a blast for me! Thanks to everyone who helped put this thing together-- Iban Coella, Kevin Libranda, Andrea Broccardo, Edgar Salazar, Jacopo Camagni, Axel Alonso, Devin Lewis, Nick Lowe, Tom Groneman, Emily Newcomen, Darren Shan, Chris Robinson, Mark Panniccia, Christina Harrington, and everyone else who contributed to this monstrosity! And thanks to you readers--especially the Venom fanatics out there. I love how every book I work on introduces me to a new bunch of readers. You're all awesome, and I'm grateful to have the chance to know you.

Cullen Bunn

But every comic is a collaboration between a writer and an illustrator, and for this particular tale we were fortunate enough to get one of the best -- Iban Coello. Iban illustrated VENOMVERSE, so you can imagine how delighted we were when he signed up to come back for this series! Before we close this one out, he wanted to share a quick note with you, too --

Hey, guys,

Thanks for all the support you gave to us and Venom in this series! Being part of this story was a blast, and I hope we all meet again in a new Venomized adventure. See you soon!

Iban Coello

But that ain't all! Without the efforts of "Majestic" Matt Yackey, Iban's beautiful artwork would have arrived at your comic shop and in your hands in glorious two-color black and white (technically, it'd be

grayscale, but you get the point). Thank goodness, we were able to convince Matt to return to the world of VENOM and, boy, am I sure glad we did.

And last, but by no means least, we owe a tremendous thank you to our letterer, Joe Caramagna. Joe's gotta be the most patient guy in comics. I mean, how would YOU like dealing with my craziness each and every day?!

That's just about all the space we've got for this one today, True Believers!

But fear not! Because the VENOM adventure doesn't stop here -- not by a long shot. As regular readers already know, May marks the 30th Anniversary of Venom's first full appearance, and this epic conclusion is just the first of a series of celebratory issues that we've been cooking up here at the house of ideas, and it all starts NEXT WEEK!

VENOM #1 from Donny Cates and Ryan Stegman lands on store shelves on 5/9/2018, and it's one you won't want to miss. So be sure to tell your shop to pull a copy for you!



All right. That's it for me! I'm off to plan Venom's surprise birthday party! He likes surprises, right?

Stay sharp!
Devin

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